

Homework Procedure

Rationale: to cultivate a foundation for academic excellence, ensuring students are well-prepared for the challenges of senior high school and beyond.

Aim: To gradually instil and develop positive study habits from early years through to senior high school, ensuring that students are adequately prepared for the increasing demands of the HSC.

Procedure:

Students are expected to complete homework in all years. The amount of homework assigned is minimal in the junior years and builds to be quite substantial for students undertaking the HSC.

This procedure is in line with the best evidence-based research. Firstly, that some kinds of homework have a greater effect on learning than others, namely, homework that summarises, reviews and cements the learning that has been delivered in class has the most benefit. Secondly, that as students move into senior years, homework has a greater positive effect on their learning.

A summary of the evidence can be found at the links below:

- [Outline of Approaches to Homework](#)
- [Summary of Australasian Research](#)

To be successful in the HSC, students must spend significant amounts time outside of class hours revising their learning and preparing for assessments and exams. Students not practiced in completing homework in the junior years often struggle to adjust to the demands of the HSC in Years 11 & 12.

Therefore, homework when completed regularly from a young age, has the benefit of developing the positive habits for learning that are needed for academic success in senior high school and beyond.

Recommendations

- **Year 7&8:** Approximately half an hour per subject per week
- **Year 9&10:** Approximately one hour per subject per week
- **Year 11&12:** 2-3 hours per subject per week

Note: Additional time may be needed to prepare and complete assessment tasks.

Teachers will accommodate for this and will assign a regular but minimal amount of homework in the junior years and an amount required for HSC success in the senior years.

Homework examples:

- Reading a book
- Revising class content
- Completing additional learning materials
- Glueing in worksheets to notebooks
- Preparing school bag for next day
- Catching up on missed work
- Cooking dinner
- Reading the news online
- Completing appropriate household chores
 - Cleaning bathroom
 - Mowing the lawn
 - Cleaning kitchen

